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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
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Director, the Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIXTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed
to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of
the listed documents are also enclosed. A copy of a letter from
the Australian Patent Office, dated June 26, 2001, is also
enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and the listed documents
may be relevant for the reasons noted thereon.

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The letter also cites U.S. Patent No. 5,376,169 to Hotomi et al., which has already been made of record in this case by the PTO-892 attached to the April 20, 2000 Office Action. Accordingly, it is not listed on the Form PTO-1449 and another copy is not enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS


A Request for Continued Prosecution Application was filed in this application on June 13, 2001. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of that date, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Therefore, no payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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